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SUBJECT: KUWAITI EDITOR'S "IMPRESSIONS" OF ASAD'S VIEWS  
ON SINAI AGREEMENT

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1. EMBASSY WISHES DRAW ATTENTION TO "IMPRESSIONS" OF CHIEF  
EDITOR KUWAITI PAPER AL-QABAS, PUBLISHED IN SEPT. 26  
AL-BAATH, ON HIS RECENT INTERVIEW WITH PRES. ASAD. WHILE NO  
DIRECT QUOTES FROM ASAD WERE PUBLISHED, EDITOR NOTED THAT  
SYRIA WAS NOT IN FAVOR OF WAR FOR SAKE OF WAR AND THAT ALL  
WARS IN WORLD AND THROUGHOUT HISTORY END BY SIGNING OF  
AGREEMENTS. SINAI AGREEMENT, HOWEVER,  
IS DETRIMENTAL TO ARAB CAUSE AND ACCOUNTS FOR PRESENT STATE OF  
EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN RELATIONS. SYRIA'S POSITION ON WAR-PEACE  
ISSUEBASED ON BELIEF THAT WAR NECESSITATES LENGTHY PRE-  
PARATIONS, BUT ARABS SHOULD NEVERTHELESS PREPARE FOR WAR  
BECAUSE ISRAEL HAS NOT SUFFICIENTLY PROFITED FROM LESSON  
OF OCT. WAR AND POLITICAL OPTION HAS NOT LED TO ANTICIPATED  
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RESULTS. SYRIANS HOPEFUL THAT EGYPTIANS WOULD COMPREHEND

THEIR ERROR AND ABROGATE AGREEMENT.

2. COMMENT: POSITIVE ASPECT OF ABOVE IS THAT IN SPITE OF  
THREATS OF WAR AND DEMANDS THAT CAIRO ABROGATE SINAI II,  
ASAD IS APPARENTLY STILL TALKING AS HE DID LAST FEBRUARY  
WITH DEBORCHGRAVE, AND PUBLICLY RECOGNIZING THAT WARS END  
WITH SIGNED AGREEMENT. IT IS ALSO NOTEWORTHY THAT SYRIAN  
THREAT OF RESORT TO FORCE CAREFULLY BASED ON ALLEGED  
UNPRODUCTIVITY OF "POLITICAL WAR," AND QUALIFIED BY NECESSITY  
OF LONG PREPARATIONS.  
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